

EXHIBIT 18
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HB 5 and 14

Comments on Ongoing costs in both HB 5 and 14

The highest costs for program and operations and maintenance are for the work dorm and the STEP program. These annual costs are fully considered in the Governor's budget in FY 2009 and are assumed to be ongoing from that point. FY 2009 is more than balanced in the Governor's budget (about \$80 million structural balance). The 2011 biennium is balanced with long-term revenue growth (see the Yellow book for more details). We are not getting in over our heads.

The cost increases in operation and maintenance for the ESSC (data center) and crime lab will be offset by reductions in rent paid by those agencies.